

AMY ADAMS

Amy Adams is the Executive Director of Nexus234, Northern Virginia's first innovation district. She co-led the district from ideation through implementation, working closely with local government, higher education, and the regional business community to drive economic growth and job creation. Spanning nearly 6,000 acres, the Nexus234 Innovation District focuses on strategic growth sectors including life sciences, aerospace, defense, semiconductors, and data centers powering AI.

Ms. Adams also serves as Executive Director of George Mason University's Institute for Biohealth Innovation and brings 24 years of experience in higher education, including 19 years developing and leading research, innovation, and workforce development programs. Her leadership centers on building cross sector partnerships that connect startups and established companies to talent, facilities, and commercialization resources; align education and workforce training with employer demand; and accelerate research translation.

She has partnered extensively with leaders across the Commonwealth and region to build connected innovation networks and launch initiatives that advance biohealth innovation.

Ms. Adams holds a Master of Science in Chemistry and a Bachelor of Science in Biology, is an author on one patent and fifteen peer reviewed publications, and serves on the boards of BioHealth Innovation, Inc. and the Association of University Research Parks.